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This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated July 9, 2002.

We acknowledge the restriction of the Application into Group I, including Claims 1 - 8, and Group II, including Claims 9 and 10.

We hereby elect Group I, including Claims 1 - 8, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,


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